

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-104

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 6142.4
Community Service; First
Reading

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track 1: Operational Improvements
Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT:

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6142.4 Community Service and open for public comments.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board.

This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6142.4 Community Service within the Instruction series.

This update includes cultural language supporting volunteer work as a part of curriculum.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and to open for public comments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6142.4 Community Service as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6142.4 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6142.4 Community Service as presented and open for public comments.

BP 6142.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE

Note: The following optional policy recognizes volunteer work experience as part of the curriculum.

The School Board desires that all students develop a sense of social responsibility and encourages opportunities for students to perform volunteer duties in the community. The School Board believes that through volunteer service, students may gain a better understanding of local culture. These experiences enable students to reinforce cultural values that support community wellbeing. The School Board also ~~The Board~~ believes that volunteer service can help students gain self-esteem, reinforce skills, discover career options and learn the value of volunteer work. Community service ~~motivates~~ can motivate students to learn by relating the curriculum to the needs of the community at large and reinforcing community cultural values.

The Superintendent or designee may develop with staff, parents/guardians, and community organizations a community service course ~~which~~ that reinforces the student's educational curriculum and provides opportunities for student volunteers to meet community needs and understand the community cultural impacts. - The Superintendent or designee may authorize community service credit ~~which~~ that may be applied towards high school graduation.

Parents/guardians of student volunteers shall receive information about the community service program and its benefits for both the community and the student.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteers)

Adopted: April 28, 2004

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District